

WHY CHOOSE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE?

These new awards incorporate an extremely wide range of AS and A2 level units. Applied GCEs motivate young people and help to prepare them for further study and the challenges of adult and working life. They develop the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to a broad vocational area. They are designed to lead to employment, further study at higher levels or training.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The teaching, learning and assessment approaches associated with the Applied GCE encourage independent and active learning. In practical and relevant contexts students benefit from the opportunity to feel closer to the world of work and see the relevance of their studies.

The unit-based structure of Applied GCEs and the balance between internal and external assessment allows students to manage their learning and achievement in stages. Skills and maturity are developed as students learn to plan their work, carry out research, organise visits, evaluate their outcomes and work effectively as part of a team. Increased motivation invariably leads to improved performance. As part of their studies, students are required to attend the Annual Health & Social Care Conference, organised by Imberhorne and surrounding local schools.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

Students will need a genuine interest and enthusiasm for the vocational area. They will also need to be able to manage their time wisely to ensure that they meet set deadlines. Applied GCEs depend on the ability of students to work as part of a team. You will also need a strong ability to **work independently** on private study and research. You must be open to working in groups with people you may not know well.

Single Award – AS: A three-unit award in Year 12 leads to an AS GCE Single Award. This is for students who would like to consider the possibility of pursuing a career in health but are undecided. There is an option to choose three more units in Year 13 that would lead to a single A Level at the end of Year 13.

Double Award – A2: A six unit award in Year 12 leads to AS GCE Double Award. A 12 unit award which combines a six unit award in Year 12 and a six unit award in Year 13 leading to an A2 GCE Double Award (which is the equivalent to two A Levels). We also strongly advise you to follow one of the wide range of language opportunities available to Sixth Form students to support your area of vocational study.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12? – THE GCE Double Award AS units

Students will complete the following units:

Units 1-3 Single and Double Awards (AS)

Unit 1: Promoting Quality Care (Exam) - an investigation into attitudes, prejudices, human rights and access to services.

Unit 2: Communication in Care Settings (Portfolio) - The importance of effective application of communication skills in Health and Social Care.

Unit 3: Promoting Good Health (Portfolio) – this unit looks at health and well-being and the part that health promotion plays.





Units 6-9 Double AS

Unit 6: Working in Early Years Care and Education (Portfolio) – this unit investigates the range of care and education provision for children from 0-8 years.

Unit 7: Health as a Lifestyle Choice (Portfolio) – you will look at the nutritional value of food and the dietary requirements of individuals. This unit also includes looking at the positive effects of exercise. Candidates should be open to participating in a number of exercise classes in order to complete this unit.

Unit 9: Caring for Older people (Exam) - An investigation into the effects of ageing and the support services available to older adults.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four or more A*-C grade GCSEs including grade C in Science. GCSE Health and Social Care is beneficial but not essential.

HOW IS THE AS DOUBLE AWARD ASSESSED?

Unit 2, 3, 6, 7: Portfolio. Unit 1: External Assessment 2hr. Unit 9: External Assessment 2hr.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13? – THE GCE Double Award A2 units

Six further units will be studied in Year 13:

Units 10-13 Single and Double Awards (A2)

Unit 10: Care Practice and Provision - an investigation into how demographic facts influence the provision of health, social care and early years services in the local area.

Unit 12: Anatomy and Physiology in Practice – this involves a study into the human body systems.

Unit 13: Child Development – investigation into the development of children from birth to eight years.

Units 14-16 Double Award only (A2)

Unit 14: Mental Health issues – this unit explores the concepts of mental health and the influence the media has on society's perception and treatment of individuals with mental health needs.

Unit 15: Social Trends – an investigation into the demographic and social trends which affect the family.

Unit 16: Research Methods in Health and Social Care – you will be asked to produce a research project that would be relevant to a health, social care or early-years setting.

HOW IS THE A2 GCE DOUBLE AWARD ASSESSED?

Unit 10, 13, 14, 16: Portfolio. Unit 12: External Assessment, 2hr. Unit 15: External Assessment, 2hr.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Double Award: at least 10 hours per week. A2 Double Award: at least 10 hours per week.



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